

Minutes
Woodstock Agriculture Commission
Monday, April 14, 2014 - 1:00 PM - Woodstock Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Members: R. Seybolt, R. Norman, S. Morse. Alternates: L. Auger, P. Miller.

- I. Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by R. Seybolt at 1:02 p.m.
- II. Assignment of Alternates:** R. Norman moved to assign L. Auger and P. Miller as members. S. Morse seconded the motion and it passed.
- III. Minutes of the February meeting:** R. Norman moved to accept the minutes. S. Morse seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- IV. Old Business:**
 - a. **WINY Farmer Talks** – S. Morse reported April 21st “talk” was not confirmed yet. R. Seybolt to represent WAGC. He also suggested that in order not to repeat past subjects and speakers, he would broaden the base for speakers to include all of Windham County. The next dates are May 19th and June 27th.
 - b. **490 & Resources for Landowners** – on hold.
- V. New Business**
 - a. Advocate April Conference – no member at meeting attended. Will follow-up with L. Weaver at next meeting.
 - b. CT Legislative Issues – P. Miller reported that there wasn’t much happening at the moment in the area of agriculture. He reported that the non-GMO grass seed issue as defeated. The subject of Agriculture unionization has gone nowhere. He remarked that we are experiencing one of the most agriculture friendly times in Hartford due to Governor Malloy, Commissioner Revitsky and the Legislature.
 - c. Ag Day in the Capitol – R. Norman and P. Miller attended. Both agreed that it was the best attended in almost 30 years. R. Norman stated that Vo-Ag had a large representation. Legislators made themselves available to speak to the students. After a short discussion on Young Farmers, it was suggested we add it to our fall agenda in order to identify candidates and encourage any identified candidate to apply.
 - d. Open Space Map and POCD- After a brief discussion, the members stated they had no concerns at this time.
 - e. Quiet Corner Initiative Ag Program – **Action:** S. Morse to make contact to see if there are any ways to coordinate with them.
 - f. Little River Watershed – R. Seybolt reported that as many bases as possible were covered without completely closing doors.
 - g. Model Agricultural Easement – We currently do not have any land trusts for easements.
- VI. Other**
 - a. **Action:** All members were asked to bring in whatever brochures they had for redistribution for next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by R. Seybolt at 2:15pm. P. Miller. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 1pm in the lower level of the conference room of the Town Hall.